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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A bathtub ~~mat~~ mat assembly for selectively lining a conventional bathtub comprising:

a bottom portion adapted for resting upon a bottom surface of the bathtub;

a first side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion, said first side portion being adapted for abutting a side surface of the bathtub; and

a second side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion opposite said first side portion, said second side portion being adapted for abutting a second side surface of the bathtub, said first side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion and said second side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion such that said bottom portion, first side portion, and second side portion form a main liner member, said main liner member being elongate with opposite ends, said main liner member defining substantially U-shaped openings at said opposite ends being bounded by said bottom portion and said side portions and forming a channel; and

a headrest portion for supporting a head or back of the user, said headrest portion being positionable in one of said openings and being removably mounted on said main liner member in said opening.

2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[2]]] 1, wherein said main liner member having an external layer comprising a polymeric material, said external layer being for abutting a surface of the bathtub, said polymeric material being for inhibiting said main liner motion from sliding along the surface of the bathtub.

4. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[2]]] 1, further comprising a plurality of suction cups operationally coupled to an external surface of said main liner member, each one of said plurality of suction cups being for selectively securing said main liner member to a surface of the bathtub.

5. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[2]]] 1, wherein said main liner member further comprises a interior layer, said interior layer providing padding for minimizing an impact against said main liner member whereby a user is at least partially protected from an impact due to slipping or falling in the bathtub.

6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5, wherein said interior layer comprises a sponge.

7. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[2]]] 1, wherein said main liner member further comprises an outer cloth covering adapted for abutting skin of a user when said main liner member is positioned in the bathtub.

8. (Original) The assembly of claim 7, wherein said outer cloth covering comprises terry cloth.

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9. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[2]]] 1, wherein said main liner member further comprises:

an external layer comprising a polymeric material, said external layer being for abutting a surface of the bathtub, said polymeric material being for inhibiting said main liner motion from sliding along the surface of the bathtub;

a plurality of suction cups operationally coupled to an external surface of said main liner member, each one of said plurality of suction cups being for selectively securing said main liner member to a surface of the bathtub;

a interior layer providing padding for minimizing an impact against said main liner member whereby a user is at least partially protected from an impact due to slipping or falling in the bathtub, wherein said interior layer comprises a sponge; and

an outer cloth covering adapted for abutting skin of a user when said main liner member is positioned in the bathtub, wherein said outer cloth covering comprises terry cloth.

10. (Original) The assembly of claim 9 wherein said main liner member further comprise:

a first top portion integrally coupled to said first side portion, said first top portion being for abutting a top surface of the first side of the bathtub; and

a second top portion integrally coupled to said second side portion, said second top portion being for abutting a top surface of the second side of the bathtub.

11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein said first top portion and said second top portion further comprise a plurality of suction cups positioned on a bottom surface of said top portion for selectively securing said top portion to the top surface of the side of the bathtub.

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[12]]] 1, wherein said headrest portion further comprises a plurality of suction cups coupled to a rear surface of said headrest portion for selectively securing said headrest portion to an end of the bathtub.

14. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[12]]] 1, further comprising:

a quartet of first portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said quartet of hook and loop fastener being coupled to an medial portion of an associated end of an associated one of said first side portion and said second side portion; and

a pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener being coupled to a medial portion of an associated side of said headrest portion whereby said headrest portion is selectively couplable to said first and second side portion of said main liner member at either end of said main liner member.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[[12]]] 1, further comprising:

wherein said headrest portion further comprises a plurality of suction cups coupled to a rear surface of said headrest portion for selectively securing said headrest portion to an end of the bathtub;

a quartet of first portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said quartet of hook and loop fastener being coupled to an medial portion of an associated end of an associated one of said first side portion and said second side portion;

a pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener being coupled to a medial portion of an associated side of said headrest portion whereby said headrest

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portion is selectively couplable to said first and second side portion of said main liner member at either end of said main liner member; and

said headrest portion further comprises an inflatable pillow section positioned adjacent a top edge of said headrest portion, said inflatable pillow portion providing additional support for a user.

17. (Currently Amended) A bathtub ~~mat~~ mat assembly for selectively lining a conventional bathtub comprising:

a bottom portion adapted for resting upon a bottom surface of the bathtub;

a first side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion, said first side portion being adapted for abutting a side surface of the bathtub;

a second side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion opposite said first side portion, said second side portion being adapted for abutting a second side surface of the bathtub;

wherein said first side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion and said second side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion, said bottom portion, first side portion, and second side portion forming a main liner member, said main liner member being elongate with opposite ends, said main liner member defining substantially U-shaped openings at said opposite ends being bounded by said bottom portion and said side portions and forming a channel;

wherein said main liner member further comprises:

an external layer comprising a polymeric material, said external layer being for abutting a surface of the bathtub, said polymeric material being for inhibiting said main liner motion from sliding along the surface of the bathtub;

a plurality of suction cups operationally coupled to an external surface of said main liner member, each one of said plurality of suction cups being for selectively securing said main liner member to a surface of the bathtub;

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a interior layer providing padding for minimizing an impact against said main liner member whereby a user is at least partially protected from an impact due to slipping or falling in the bathtub, wherein said interior layer comprises a sponge;

an outer cloth covering adapted for abutting skin of a user when said main liner member is positioned in the bathtub, wherein said outer cloth covering comprises terry cloth;

a first top portion integrally coupled to said first side portion, said first top portion being for abutting a top surface of the first side of the bathtub;

a second top portion integrally coupled to said second side portion, said second top portion being for abutting a top surface of the second side of the bathtub;

wherein said first top portion and said second top portion further comprise a plurality of suction cups positioned on a bottom surface of said top portion for selectively securing said top portion to the top surface of the side of the bathtub;

~~a headrest portion operationally couplable to said main liner member, said headrest portion being for supporting a head or back of the user;~~

a headrest portion for supporting a head or back of the user, said headrest portion being positionable in one of said openings and being removably mounted on said main liner member in said opening;

wherein said headrest portion further comprises a plurality of suction cups coupled to a rear surface of said headrest portion for selectively securing said headrest portion to an end of the bathtub;

a quartet of first portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said quartet of hook and loop fastener being coupled to an medial portion of an associated end of an associated one of said first side portion and said second side portion;

a pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener, each one of said pair of second portions of hook and loop fastener being coupled to a medial

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portion of an associated side of said headrest portion whereby said headrest portion is selectively couplable to said first and second side portion of said main liner member at either end of said main liner member ;~~and~~

~~said headrest portion further comprises an inflatable pillow section positioned adjacent a top edge of said headrest portion, said inflatable pillow portion providing additional support for a user.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A bathtub ~~mat~~ mat assembly for selectively lining a conventional bathtub comprising:

a bottom portion adapted for resting upon a bottom surface of the bathtub;

a first side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion, said first side portion being adapted for abutting a side surface of the bathtub;

a second side portion operationally coupled to said bottom portion opposite said first side portion, said second side portion being adapted for abutting a second side surface of the bathtub;

wherein said first side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion and said second side portion being integrally coupled to said bottom portion, said bottom portion, first side portion, and second side portion forming a main liner member, said main liner member being elongate with opposite ends, said main liner member defining substantially U-shaped openings at said opposite ends being bounded by said bottom portion and said side portions and forming a channel;

wherein said main liner member further comprises:

an external layer comprising a polymeric material, said external layer being for abutting a surface of the bathtub, said polymeric material being for inhibiting said main liner motion from sliding along the surface of the bathtub;

a plurality of suction cups operationally coupled to an external surface of said main liner member, each one of said plurality of suction

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cups being for selectively securing said main liner member to a surface of the bathtub;

a interior layer providing padding for minimizing an impact against said main liner member whereby a user is at least partially protected from an impact due to slipping or falling in the bathtub, wherein said interior layer comprises a sponge;

an outer cloth covering adapted for abutting skin of a user when said main liner member is positioned in the bathtub, wherein said outer cloth covering comprises terry cloth;

a first top portion integrally coupled to said first side portion, said first top portion being for abutting a top surface of the first side of the bathtub;

a second top portion integrally coupled to said second side portion, said second top portion being for abutting a top surface of the second side of the bathtub;

wherein said first top portion and said second top portion further comprise a plurality of suction cups positioned on a bottom surface of said top portion for selectively securing said top portion to the top surface of the side of the bathtub;

~~a headrest portion operationally couplable to said main liner member, said headrest portion being for supporting a head or back of the user;~~

a headrest portion for supporting a head or back of the user, said headrest portion being positionable in one of said openings and being removably mounted on said main liner member in said opening;

wherein said headrest portion further comprises a plurality of suction cups coupled to a rear surface of said headrest portion for selectively securing said headrest portion to an end of the bathtub;

a plurality of fastening means for selectively securing said headrest portion to said main liner member.